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On page 1, line 9, please insert the following heading:

-- Field of the Invention --

On page 1, line 16, please insert the following heading:

-- Background --

On page 10, line 19, please replace the heading with the following:

-- Brief Description of the Figures --

On page 11, line 26, please insert the following:

-- Detailed Description of the Invention

This invention is described by the several following examples. --

On page 13, lines 22-23, please replace with the following:

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Column material: 10 μM LiChrosphere® 100 RP-18 column from Merck Darmstadt GmbH; 250 x

4 mm --

## On page 14, lines 32-33, please replace with the following:

-- Column material: 10 μM Lichrosphere® 100 RP-18 column from Merck Darmstadt GmbH; 250

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Please replace page 14, line 36 with the following:

-- Mass spectrometry: calculated mass MH<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>: 1436.2 g/mol

found mass MH<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>: 1436.4 g/mol --

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Please delete lines 5-6 on page 15.

Please replace the text on page 17, lines 5 with the following:

---What is claimed is: --

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4-7, 21-23, and 32.

Please amend claims 1-3, 8-20, and 24-31 as follows.

-Please add new claims 33-64.

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